(b) if so, what is the maximum container loads proposed; and

(c) whether Government have any proposal to extend container technology to all the ports or to expond it only at the existing container ports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) At present there is no Inland Container Depot functioning at Gauhati. It has been decided to set up an ICD at Amingaon (near Gauhati) and this work has been included in the Railway Budget (1984-85). Action has been initiated for providing the necessary infrastructure facilities in a phased manner.

(b) Railway are planning to provide facilities for transporting ISO containers in train-loads. This will however depend upon the quantum of traffic actually offered by trade.

(c) Container handling facilities at present are provided at Bombay, Madras, Cochin and Haldia. Provision of the facilities at Calcutta is planned.

Abolition of Luxury Tax, Etc. by States

1456. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI S. W. DHABE:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Tourism has proposed to the States to sacrifice a share of their present revenue in the form of luxury tax, building tax, bar licence fee, etc.;

(b) if so, the reaction of the State Governments thereto?

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Central Government have proposed that the hotels be declared as an industry; and if so, what is the reaction of the State Governments thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN): (a) In the interest of promotion of tourism, the Government of Gujarat, Jammu & Kashmir, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal have been requested to consider the possibility of abolishing the taxes levied in these States on the earnings of hotels. Similarly the Government of Kerala have been requested to consider reducing Bar Licence fees and Building Taxes on hotels;

(b) Only the Government of Jammu & Kashmir have abolished the tax levied on the earnings of hotels. Government of Gujarat and the Government of Tamil Nadu have not found it possible to accede to this request. Other State Governments have not yet responded. The Government of Kerala have promised to consider the possibility of reducing the Bar Licence Fee. About reduction of Building Tax on hotels, there has been no response ;

(c) Yes, Sir. Only the Government of Orissa and the Government of out Bengal have so far declared hotels as industry.

Smuggling Activities at Sahar Airport Bombay

1457. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI S. W. DHABE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the reports regarding smuggling activities at Bombay's International Airport at Sahar, involving foreign nationals, Indian contacts and the conniving ground staff;

(b) whether it has also come to the notice of Government that the policeman posted there are also in league with the anti-social elements; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken by Government in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) and (b) Persons found involved in smuggling activities are strictly dealt with under the provisions of the law, irrespective of whether they are Indian nationals or foreign nationals. There have been a number of cases in which foreign nationals, Indian nationals and airlines staff have been found involved in smuggling activites at the

Sahar International Airport. Information in respect of the number of foreign nationals, Indian nationals including Indian contacts and airlines staff found involved in smuggling activities during the years 1982, 1983 and 1984 (upto June) is furnished below:—

Number of persons involved

Year	Foreign nationals	Indian nationals	Airline staff
1982	93	113	8
1983	47	81	13
1984	39	77	5

However, there are no reports indicating general connivance by ground staff and policemen posted at the airport with smugglers. As and when any specific case comes to notice, the matter is enquired into and appropriate action as warranted is taken.

(c) The Custom authorites at the Sahar International Airport remain vigilant in the matter. The preventive and intelligence measures at the airport have been further intensified. The pattern of smuggling at the airport is kept under constant review for taking appropriate action against persons found involved in smuggling activities.

Longer tenure for chief executives of public sector enterprises

1458. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI S. W. DHABE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to give longer tenure to the Chief Executives of public sector enterprises;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and by when a decision is likely to be taken in the matter; and

(c) whether Government propose to ensure that the chief executives are made responsible to achieve the set targts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal is to give full-time Board level appointees in the Central Public Sector Enterprises a tenure of five years or till the age of their superannuation, whichever is earlier. The decision is likely to be taken soon.

(c) The Chief Executives are responsible for achieving the targets set for them and Government periodicaly reviews their performance.

Composition of Narasimham Committee

1459. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI S. W. DHABE:
SHRI KISHOR MEHTA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of members of the Narasimham Committee has been increased;

(b) if so, what are the details regarding the new membership and the detailed terms of reference of the Committee; and